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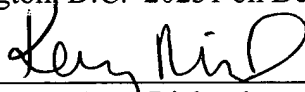
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 18, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, Group I, claims 1-14, which are drawn to targeted oligonucleotide constructs, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1. Applicants further reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a later application.

Applicants traverse this Restriction Requirement on the grounds that search of the claims of one group would necessarily include a search of the claims of the remaining groups; therefore, examination of all claims would not place an undue burden on the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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